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S. J. RES. 220

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Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, 182,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994, and 46,000 women will die from this disease;

Whereas, in the decade of the 1990’s, it is estimated that about two million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, resulting in nearly 500,000 deaths;

Whereas the risk of breast cancer increases with age, with 50 percent of the breast cancer cases occurring in women over age 65;

Whereas 80 percent of women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease;

Whereas mammograms, when operated professionally at an accredited facility, can provide a safe and quick diagnosis;

Whereas experts agree that mammography is the best method of early detection of breast cancer, and early detection is the key to saving lives; and

Whereas mammograms can reveal the presence of small cancers up to two years before regular clinical breast exami-

nations or breast self-examinations (BSE), saving as many as a third more lives; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That October 19, 1994, be designated as “National Mam-
4 mography Day,” and the President is authorized and re-
5 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people
6 of the United States to observe such day with appropriate
7 programs and activities.

Passed the Senate October 6 (legislative day, September 12), 1994.

Attest:

Secretary.